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SECOND SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTER-
NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN
GENEVA FROM FEBRUARY 3 TO APRIL 18, 1975. DURING INFORMAL
SIDE DISCUSSION AT LUCERNE CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 18, 1974), BLISCHENKO (USSR) RE-
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PEATEDLY URGED BETTAUER AND ANDERSON OF USDEL THAT IT

ESSENTIAL THAT USG AND USSR HAVE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
IN ADVANCE OF SECOND SESSION. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT SUCH
CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND USEFUL. WE THEREFORE
REQUEST YOU TO PROPOSE TO SOVIETS THAT WE HAVE SUCH
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON JANUARY 16 AND 17. INFORM
SOVIETS THAT MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE BOTH MILITARY AND
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH SIDES AND WOULD
CONSIDER MATTERS RELEVANT TO THE FEBRUARY DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE, SUCH AS PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMBATANTS
AND CIVILIANS, STRATEGY FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON WEAPONS,
PROBLEMS OF APPLICATION OF PROTOCOL 1 TO NATIONAL LIBERA-
TION CONFLICTS, ETC. SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA FROM SOVIETS
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